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March 31, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012


Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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March 31, 2015

  
PATRICK O'GAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF \$25,000 FROM THE  
CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT TO CONDUCT OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND  
OTHER ASSISTANCE ALIGNED WITH EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS ACT (PROPOSITION 47)**

**ALL DISTRICTS  
(3-Votes)**

**SUBJECT**

The Public Defender is requesting approval to accept a donation of \$25,000 from the California Endowment.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Department to accept a gift of \$25,000 to support the Department's efforts to conduct outreach, education and other appropriate assistance aligned with effective implementation of the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act (Proposition 47).
2. Instruct your Board to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to the donor for its generous donation.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Department is pleased to inform your Board that it has received a donation grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the California Endowment to be used to support the Department's efforts to conduct outreach, education and other appropriate assistance aligned with effective

implementation of the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act (Proposition 47). Since this gift is in excess of \$10,000 it requires your Board's approval for acceptance.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The acceptance of the donation to the Department will support the Countywide Goal of Operational Effectiveness and the Programmatic Goal of Integrated Services Delivery by providing more resources to conduct outreach and education and other appropriate assistance to effectively implement Proposition 47.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended action will not result in any additional cost to the Department.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Government Code Section 25355 permits the county to accept donations or other gifts for a specific County purpose. Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This donation will provide additional resources to support the Department's efforts to conduct outreach, education and other appropriate assistance aligned with effective implementation of the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act (Proposition 47). Department efforts will include production of a video, brochures and other materials that will facilitate outreach and education of Proposition 47.

### **CONCLUSION**

A draft appreciation letter thanking the California Endowment for the generous donation is attached. Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Public Defender's Office, Attention: Kelly Emling, Chief Deputy, Public Defender's Office, 210 West Temple Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,



RONALD L. BROWN  
Public Defender

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Attachment

C: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

Attachment I

(DATE)

Charles Fields  
The California Endowment  
1000 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Fields:

At its meeting on March 31, 2015, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, the California Endowment's generous \$25,000 grant donation to support the Los Angeles County Public Defender's efforts to conduct outreach, education and other appropriate assistance aligned with effective implementation of the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act (Proposition 47).

This donation will be used to raise awareness of the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act. The sentencing reform aspects of the Safe Neighborhood and Schools Act will help reduce the collateral consequences of convictions for reclassified crimes and thereby help many individuals successfully reintegrate into the community once they have paid their debt to society.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK OGAWA  
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors